

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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ALL COUNTY LETTER NO: 88-28

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: REFUGEE ELIGIBILITY FOR THE HOMELESS ASSISTANCE NONRECURRING SPECIAL
NEED PAYMENT

REFERENCE: ALL-COUNTY LETTERS 87-163 AND 88-04; ALL-COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICES
I-1-88 AND I-90-87

The purpose of this letter is to provide County Welfare Departments with instructions regarding refugee eligibility for the homeless assistance non-recurring special need payment.


Recent State legislation (AB 1733, Statutes of 1987), and AFDC Homeless Assistance Regulations (MPP 44-211.5) which were effective February 1, 1988 specify that homeless assistance is to be made available to those cash assistance units which are eligible for the Federal AFDC program or State AFDC-U program.

Time-eligible refugee families applying for cash assistance must be determined eligible for Federal AFDC in order to receive RDP assistance; therefore, RDP cash assistance units are eligible for homeless assistance.

Refugees in receipt of RCA are those time-eligible refugees who have been determined to be ineligible for Federal AFDC; therefore, these cash assistance units are not eligible for homeless assistance.

Additionally, as a reminder, voluntary agencies (VOLAGS) are responsible for providing resettlement services to newly arriving refugees during their first 90 days after arrival in the United States (U.S.). Counties are required, as a part of the determination and redetermination process, to contact the VOLAG when a refugee (who has been in the U.S. for less than 24 months) applies for assistance to determine if the refugee has already been offered assistance by the VOLAG. If the newly-arrived RDP applicant/recipient has already received assistance from the VOLAG for housing, then the family may not be eligible for homeless assistance.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact your County Refugee Program Operations Analyst (916) 323-2131.


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